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TOWN OFFICERS

OSCAR W. BILLINGS	Representative to General Court
PAUL D. KING	Moderator
RUTH E. BURT	Town Clerk
RUTH E. BURT	Tax Collector
ARTHUR S. CHRISTIAN	First Selectman
GLENN E. BRITTON	Second Selectman
LAWRENCE A. LEACH	Third Selectman
CHARLES H. ALDRICH	Treasurer
JOHN TERRY	Trustee of Trust Funds
NELLIE CLOUGH ALDRICH	Trustee of Trust Funds
CHARLES H. ALDRICH	Trustee of Trust Funds
LUCY THOMPSON	Library Trustee, Treasurer
ELIZABETH MOORE	Library Trustee
ROBERT PERRY	Library Trustee
LINWOOD BURT	Constable
DOROTHY R. RHODES	Librarian
MERTON C. LEACH	Supervisor
GLADYS L. PLOOF	Supervisor
ANNIE JOHNSON SHELLEY	Supervisor
ANNIE JOHNSON SHELLEY	Health officer
LINWOOD BURT	Janitor of Town Hall
WALTER STONE	Road Agent, East Westmoreland Dist.
CHARLES W. MESSER	Road Agent, Village District
LEON McCLENNING	Road Agent, River District
HELEN TERRY	Briggs Christmas Fund Committee
ALICE CHICKERING	Briggs Christmas Fund Committee
WALTER E. DUNN	Auditor
OSCAR W. BILLINGS	Auditor
LINWOOD BURT	Fire Chief
DICKIE RHODES	Mascot

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, the ninth (9) day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

To bring in your votes for the election of delegates-at-large, alternate delegates-at-large, district delegates, alternate district delegates to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for president and vice-president of the United States.

To elect a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention.

*Article 3. To see if the Town will vote for one road agent to take affect April 1st, 1949 or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 4. To hear the report of agents and auditors and take any action thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote for snow removal and sanding on either class V or VI roads or take any other action relating thereto, raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote for class V assistance for Class V roads and raise and appropriate the sum of $554.54 (State contribution to be $2,218.15).

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in addition to what is required by law for highways and bridges.

*Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to rebuild and tar the road from Residence of Amos Hatt to the tar on the Spofford Road, so-called, providing the abutting owners contribute, or take any action relating thereto.

*Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to widen and rebuild the road leading from Route 12 to Route 63 near the residence of Alice Goodrum, or take any action relating thereto.

*Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to tar the road and resurface from Route 12 to the residence of Alonzo Hudson, if, and providing $200.00 is donated by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Cousens, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 11. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income of the Jotham Lord fund.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the support of the library.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $69.00 to the Monadnock Region Association of Scenic New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns in the Monadnock Region.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the white pine blister rust control in cooperation with the State Forestry and recreation Department.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the upkeep of cemeteries.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

*Article 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Power Mower to be used in the cemeteries, common, around the churches, etc., or take any action relating thereto.

*Article 18. To see what action the Town will take relative to appointing a committee for the purpose of obtaining and erecting a memorial for the Westmoreland Veterans of World War II, and raise and appropriate money for the same or take any other action pertaining thereto.

*Article 19. To see what action the Town will take to appoint a committee to work with the Historical Committee for the purpose of marking the historical points in Westmoreland or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 20. To see what action the town will make relative to the property acquired by the town through taxes.

Article 21. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

* Handed in by individuals.

Town meeting poll will close at (6:15) six fifteen of the clock in the afternoon.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth (14) day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight (48).

ARTHUR CHRISTIAN,
GLENN E. BRITTON,
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR CHRISTIAN,
GLENN E. BRITTON,
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

TOWN MEETING

March 11, 1947

Article 1. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Paul D. King. The warrant was read. This article was read and it was voted this article remain open during the entire meeting.

Article II. The following sums of money were voted to be raised and appropriated for general government.

General government:		
Town officers' salaries	$1,000 00	
Town officers' expenses	600 00	
Election and registration	150 00	
Housing fire equipment	150 00	
Expense town hall and other town buildings	1,300 00	
		$3,300 00
Protection of persons and property:		
Police department	$25 00	
Fire department	500 00	
		$525 00
Health:		
Health department	$30 00	
Vital statistics	20 00	
		$50 00
Street lights	$240 00	
		$240 00
Town poor	$100 00	
Old age assistance	1,100 00	
		$1,200 00

Memorial day	$10 00	
Aid to veterans and veterans' families	50 00	
Parks	5 00	
General miscellaneous	50 00	
		$115 00
Legal expenses	$50 00	
Interest on temporary loans	35 00	
Interest on long term	500 00	
		$585 00

Article III. It was voted to accept the town reports as printed.

Article IV. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for snow removal and sanding.

Article V. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $552.34 for class V assistance for class V roads.

Article VI and VII. Article VI and VII were taken up together. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,367.00 for calcium chloride, highways and bridges.

Article VIII. It was voted that the selectmen be authorized to borrow on notes of the town for a period of six years a sum not to exceed $14,000.00 for rebuilding and tarring the River Road, so-called, from the Chesterfield town line to the Corner Schoolhouse, so-called. This was a ballot vote. 88 votes cast. No—22. Yes—66.

Article IX. The town voted that the income from the Jotham Lord fund be used for the support of the library.

Article X. The sum of $130.00 was voted to be raised and appropriated for the support of the library.

Article XI. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $67.00 to be given the Monadnock Region Association of Scenic New Hampshire to assist in their work.

Article XII. It was voted to pass over this article about white pine blister rust.

Article XIII. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for the upkeep of cemeteries.

Article XIV. The town voted to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article XV. This article in regard to a State Audit was voted to be passed over.

Article XVI. It was voted that the selectmen be authorized to accept the legacy left the town by the late Mrs. Clinton Hall. The town clerk was instructed to communicate with the executor of the will requesting the release of provisions concerning the investment and interest.

Article XVII. This article was passed over by vote.

Article XVIII. It was voted that the selectmen be authorized to contact the state, railroad officials and federal government to see what can be done about an underpass at the Gilboa railroad crossing.

Article XIX and XX. It was voted to pass over these articles.

Article VII. This article was reopened. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to be spent on the road leading to residence of Dmytro Mereschuck, Mr. Mereschuck to contribute $150.00.

Article II. This article was reopened to provide for the interest on the $14,000.00 for the River Road. It was voted to borrow a sum not exceeding $200.00 for the interest.

Article XX. This article was reopened and discussed. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for the East Westmoreland Cemetery Association to use in completing the driveway into the East Westmoreland cemetery.

Article XXI. An article from the State Tax Commission in regard to state appraisers was read and discussed. It was voted to pass over this matter.

Upon request Article II was reopened. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to purchase additional hose for the fire department.

There were 137 ballots cast under Article I.

The results of the balloting are as follows:

Town Clerk. Ruth E. Burt had 128 votes and was declared elected.

Selectman for three years. Elmer Roentsch had 34 votes. Lawrence A. Leach had 97 votes and was declared elected.

Treasurer. Annie Shelley, Mrs. A. F. Hudson, Walter Dunn each had one vote. Oscar Billings had two votes. Charles H. Aldrich had 122 votes and was declared elected.

Tax collector. Ruth E. Burt had 129 votes and was declared elected.

River road agent. There were seven persons who had 1 or 2 votes. Kenneth Rounds had 5 votes. Leon McClenning had 75 votes and was declared elected.

South Village road agent. Robert Blood had one vote. Charles W. Messer had 126 votes and was declared elected.

East road agent. Robert Blood and Perley Thompson each had 1 vote. Peter Action had 122 votes and was declared elected.

Trustee of Town Library for three years. Robert E. Perry had 125 votes and was declared elected.

Auditors. There were eleven persons who had 1, 2 or 3 votes for auditor. Roscoe Perry had 8 votes. Oscar Billings had 27 votes and was declared elected. Walter Dunn had 118 votes and was declared elected.

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years. There were four votes cast for four different persons. Nellie F. C. Aldrich had 114 votes and was declared elected.

Constable. Six people received 1 vote each, two people had 3 votes each. Donald Paine had 14 votes. Walter Taylor had 52 votes and was declared elected.

Surveyors of wood and lumber. William S. Starkey had 114 votes and was declared elected. Howard E. Smith had 117 votes and was declared elected. Perley O. Thompson had 119 votes and was declared elected.

Fence Viewers—Russell H. Wellington had 114 votes and was declared elected. Lawrence A. Leach had 115 votes and was declared elected. Seldon B. Lund had 113 votes and was declared elected.

Briggs fund committee. Alice Chickering had 122 votes and was declared elected. Helen Terry had 117 votes and was declared elected.

The moderator read the results of the balloting. The oath of office was given to those present who were elected. The meeting was adjourned.

RUTH E. BURT,
Town Clerk.

A true copy, attest—

RUTH E. BURT,
Town Clerk.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948
Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$1,004 00	$1,023 05	$1,000 00
Railroad tax	430 00	367 54	350 00
Savings bank tax	230 00	280 00	250 00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		174 31	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Business licenses and permits		1 00	1 00
Other sources		20 45	20 45
Rent of town hall and other buildings		40 00	40 00
Interest received on taxes		69 90	70 00
Motor vehicle permit fees, 1946		25 49	
Sale of town property		1,264 35	1,300 00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
From Local Taxes Other Than Property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—Regular @ $2	660 00	620 00	620 00
(b) National Bank stock taxes	20 00	20 00	20 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1948
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	$1,000 00	$978 75	$1,000 00
Town officers' expenses	600 00	829 51	900 00
Election and registration expenses	150 00	68 00	225 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	1,300 00	972 13	1,200 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	25 00	5 36	25 00
Fire department	900 00	1,016 51	
Health:			
Health department, including hospitals	30 00	28 89	30 00
Vital statistics	30 00	22 50	30 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1948
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance: Summer	7,367 00	4,160 87	8,833 00
Town maintenance: Winter	2,500 00	3,166 70	3,000 00
Street lighting	240 00	229 93	240 00
General expenses of highway department		274 68	
Town road aid	552 34	552 34	554 54
Libraries:			
Libraries	130 00	130 00	200 00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	50 00		50 00
Old age assistance	1,100 00	1,056 99	1,100 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial day and Veterans' Associations	10 00		10 00
Aid to soldiers and their families	50 00		50 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	225 00	120 40	100 00
Miscellaneous	50 00	33 00	40 00
Monadnock Region	67 00	67 00	69 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1948
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses	50 00	36 00	50 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	35 00	50 00	50 00
On long term notes	500 00	415 40	550 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town construction—River road		15,119 26	
East Westmoreland road		2,008 89	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long term notes	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	1,708 30	1,708 30	
Payments to school district	10,950 00	10,950 00	11,500 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF 1947

Real estate, resident	$367,625 00
Real estate, resident growing timber	30,640 00
Real estate, non-resident	108,255 00
Real estate, non-resident growing timber	28,545 00
Electrical distribution, transformers and meters	44,010 00
Sixty-four (64) horses	6,380 00
Fifteen (15) oxen	1,950 00
Six hundred fifty-five (655) resident cows	70,265 00
Thirty-four (34) cows, non-resident	3,400 00
Eighty-five (85) neat stock	8,360 00
Three (3) neat, non-resident	200 00
Twenty-two (22) goats and sheep	230 00
Forty-two (42) hogs	1,200 00
Six thousand two hundred fifty (6,250) fowls	7,810 00
Six portable mills	5,050 00
Wood and lumber	10,610 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,570 00
Stock in trade	3,250 00
Total valuation	$699,350 00

ASSESSMENT OF 1947

County tax	$1,708 30
Town officers' salaries	1,000 00
Town officers' expenses	600 00
Election and registration	150 00
Expense of town hall	1,300 00
Housing fire equipment	150 00
Police	25 00
Fire department	500 00
Health department	30 00
Vital statistics	20 00
Street lights	240 00

Town poor	100 00
Old age assistance	1,100 00
Memorial day	10 00
Aid to veterans and veterans families	50 00
Parks	5 00
General miscellaneous	50 00
Legal expenses	50 00
Interest on temporary loans	35 00
Interest on long term notes	500 00
Snow removal and sanding	2,500 00
TRA road	552 34
Calcium chloride	516 00
Maintenance of calcium roads	1,000 00
Tar	2,135 00
Labor on tar road	1,000 00
General maintenance of class V roads	2,716 00
Library	130 00
Monadnock Region	67 00
Cemeteries	75 00
East Westmoreland cemetery	125 00
Horses	400 00
Payment on note	2,000 00
Total town assessment	$20,839 64
School assessment	10,950 50
Total	$31,790 14
Less estimated income	2,484 00
	$29,306 14
Less poll taxes	660 00
	$28,646 14
Less National Bank taxes	20 00
	$28,626 14
Plus overlay	746 56
Total amount committed to collector	$29,372 70
After assessment	$882 00

SCHOOL WARRANT

Support of schools	$13,583 00
Salaries of district officers	223 50
Truant officer	10 00
Superintendent's excess salaries	480 00
$2.00 per capita tax	276 00
High school tuitions	4,000 00
Other obligations	170 00
School budget	$18,742 50
Estimated income	7,792 00
Amount to be raised by taxation	$10,950 50

Estimated income taken from town assessment:

Auto tax	$800 00
Interest and dividend tax	1,004 00
Railroad tax	430 00
Savings bank tax	250 00
	$2,484 00

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, IN CHESHIRE COUNTY
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, Jan. 22, 1948.

ARTHUR CHRISTIAN,
GLENN E. BRITTON,
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,
Selectmen.
CHARLES H. ALDRICH,
Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$4,506 28
Accounts due to the town:	
Due from state:	
(b) Balance of T. R. A. road account	55
(c) Bounties	84 00
Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sale an account of)	
(b) Levy of 1946	21 42

Uncollected taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1947	5,877 93	
(b) Levy of 1946	46 71	
(c) Levy of 1945	36 21	
Total assets		$10,573 10
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		18,577 77
Grand total		$29,150 87
Net debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1946	$11,222 82	
Net debt	18,577 77	
Increase of debt	$7,354 95	

Debt was created for new road, River district.

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:		
Bills outstanding, Walpole Fire Dept. at Clifford Chickering	$26 00	
Reserved for fire escape and flame proofing	345 40	
Due Barker park	11 85	
Hannah Draper, trust fund interest	172 38	
Due to school district:		
(a) Dog licenses	244 20	
(b) Balance of appropriation	4,750 49	
State and town joint highway construction account:		
(b) Unexpended balance in town treasury—T.R.A.	55	
Long term notes outstanding:		
East Westmoreland road	11,000 00	
River road	12,600 00	
Total liabilities		$29,150 87

RECEIPTS

Current revenue:

	From local taxes: (Collected and remitted to treasurer)		
1.	Property taxes—current year	$24,404 77	
2.	Poll taxes—current year— regular @ $2	620 00	
3.	National bank stock taxes	20 00	
4.	Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted		$25,044 77
5.	Property taxes—previous years		2,110 34
6.	Poll taxes—previous years—regular @ $2		20 00
8.	Interest received on taxes		69 90
9.	Tax sales redeemed		69 48
	From state:		
11.	Interest and dividend tax	1,023 05	
12.	Railroad tax	367 54	
13.	Savings bank tax	280 94	
18.	Bounties	67 50	
19.	Reimbursement a/c old age assistance refund and recovery	174 31	1,913 34
	From local sources, except taxes:		
22.	Dog licenses	259 20	
23.	Business licenses and permits	1 00	
24.	Refunds and dividends	20 45	
25.	Rent of town property	40 00	
27.	Income from trust funds	172 38	
30.	Registration of motor vehicles, 1946 permits	25 49	
	Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 permits	1,264 55	1,783 07
	Total current revenue receipts		$31,010 90

	Receipts other than current revenue:		
31.	Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$7,500 00	
32.	Long term notes during year	12,600 00	
37.	Trust funds, legacies	400 00	20,500 00
	Total receipts from all sources		$51,510 90
	Cash on hand January 1, 1947		5,971 04
	Grand total		$57,481 94

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	General government:		
1.	Town officers' salaries	$978 75	
2.	Town officers' expenses	829 51	
3.	Election and registration expenses	68 50	
5	Expenses town hall and other town buildings	972 13	$2,848 89
	Protection of persons and property:		
6.	Police department	5 36	
7.	Fire department, including forest fires	1,016 51	
9.	Bounties	84 00	
10.	Collecting dog tax	15 00	1,120 87
	Health:		
11.	Health department, including hospitals	28 89	
12.	Vital statistics	22 00	51 39
	Highways and bridges:		
14.	Town road aid	552 34	
15.	Town maintenance (Summer—$4,160.87) (Winter—$3,166.70)	7,327 57	
16.	Street lighting and sprinkling	229 93	

17.	General expenses of highway department	274 68	8,384 52
	Libraries:		
18.	Libraries	130 00	130 00
	Public welfare:		
19.	Old age assistance	1,056 99	1,056 99
	Public service enterprises:		
26.	Miscellaneous	33 00	
27.	Cemeteries	120 40	
28.	Monadnock Region Ass'n.	67 00	220 40
	Unclassified:		
29.	Damages and legal expenses	36 00	
30.	Advertising and regional associations		57 42
31.	Taxes bought by town	21 42	
	Total current maintenance expenses		$13,870 48
	Interest:		
33.	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	52 50	
34.	Paid on long term notes	415 40	
36.	Paid on principal of trust funds	190 58	658 48
	Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
38.	Town construction, River road	15,119 26	
	East Westmoreland, including road into cemetery	2,008 89	17,128 15
	Indebtedness:		
45.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	7,500 00	
46.	Payments on long term notes	2,000 00	
49.	Payments to trustees, trust funds	400 00	9,900 00

	Payments to other governmental divisions:		
52.	Taxes paid to county	1,708 30	
54.	Payments to school districts	9,710 25	11,418 55
Total payments for all purposes			$52,975 66
Cash on hand December 31, 1947			4,506 28
Grand total			$57,481 94

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Description	Value
1.	Town hall, lands and buildings	$12,000 00
	Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2.	Libraries, lands and buildings	1,200 00
	Furniture and equipment	2,400 00
3.	Police department, land and buildings	
	Equipment	25 00
4.	Fire department, lands and buildings	
	equipment	5,000 00
5.	Highway department, lands and buildings	
	Equipment	800 00
9.	Schools, lands and buildings	15,000 00
11.	All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds	
	4 acres Arid Sweeney land	50 00
	4 acres Wilcox property	50 00
	10 acres Adams property, gift	300 00
	French property	500 00
Total		$38,825 00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Total Number of Automobile Permits Issued
from Jan. 1, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1948

1946-47	19 permits		$25 49
1947	351 permits		1,264 55
Total paid treasurer			$1,290 04
Dog taxes:	96 males @ $2.00	$192 00	
	18 females @ $5.00	90 00	
Total collected from dog taxes			$282 00
Retained as clerk's fees			22 80
Total paid town treasurer			259 20
Total filing fees Town meeting			9 75
Cash on hand			9 75

RUTH E. BURT,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Levy of 1947
DR.

Taxes committed to collector:		
Property taxes	$29,372 70	
After assessment	882 00	
National bank stock taxes	20 00	
Poll taxes	660 00	
Total warrant	$30,934 70	
Total debits		$30,934 70

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:		
Property taxes	$24,404 77	
National bank stock taxes	20 00	
Poll taxes	620 00	
Uncollected property taxes	5,849 93	
Uncollected poll taxes	28 00	
Abatements on poll taxes	12 00	
		$30,934 70

1947 ABATEMENT OF POLL TAXES

John Bittner, paid in Cavendish, Vt.
Emily Janti, unable to locate.
John Kuzmuch, paid in Keene.
Frank Norcross, paid in Keene.
Paula Rice, paid in Henniker.
Luman Stevens, unable to locate.

1947 POLL TAXES UNCOLLECTED

May Aldrich	Edward Doody
Alfred Clough	Fred Fredette

Kenneth Fredette	Fay O'Brien
Willie Howard	Leonard Patterson
Charles Harris	Loretta Patterson
Rachel Kingsbury	Alexander Ross
William O'Brien	Gertrude Ross

LEVY OF 1946

DR.

Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1947	$2,177 05	
Interest collected	69 90	
		$2,246 95

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Remittances to treasurer:		
Property taxes collected	$2,092 10	
Poll taxes collected	20 00	
Interest collected	69 54	
Uncollected property taxes per list	46 71	
Taxes sold	18 24	
Interest on taxes sold	36	
		$2,246 95

LEVY OF 1945

Uncollected:	
George Chickering and Harold French	$24 14
N. E. Woodenware	3 55
Henry Plante	3 55
Amoco	2 49
Tidewater	2 48

TREASURER'S REPORT

From January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury January 1, 1947		$5,971 04
Received of Ruth E. Burt, tax collector:		
1946	Property tax	2,092 10
1946	Poll taxes	20 00
1946	Interest	69 54
1946	Tax sales	18 24
	Interest	36
1947	Property tax	24,404 77
1947	Poll taxes	620 00
	National bank stock tax	20 00
	Redemptions	69 48
Received of Ruth E. Burt, town clerk:		
1946	Auto permits	25 49
1947	Auto permits	1,264 55
1947	Dog licenses	259 20
Received of state treasurer:		
Hedgehog bounties		67 50
Refund from Marcas O. Spring, assistance		112 50
Refund from Delia Burdick, assistance		61 81
Savings bank tax		280 94
Railroad tax		367 54
Interest and dividend tax		1,023 05
Received of Linwood Burt:		
Rent of town hall		40 00
Received of Walter Dunbar Admr.:		
Estate of Sarah Northrop for care of cemetery lot		100 00
Received of Lyman B. Bullock, trustee:		
Estate of Sarah M. K. Hall for care of cemetery lot in Chaffee cemetery		100 00

And for the East Westmoreland Cemetery association	100 00
And for repairs of the outside of the church house at East Westmoreland	100 00
Received of selectmen:	
Lawrence A. Leach, 1 dance permit	1 00
Arthur Christian, refund on wood	16 00
Glenn E. Britton, hedgehog bounty	50
Received of Vermont Peoples' National Bank:	
Borrowed for the River road	12,600 00
Received of Cheshire National Bank:	
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes	7,500 00
Received of Harold O. Pierce:	
Insurance rebates	3 95
Received of Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Interest on Starkey Gift fund	172 38
	$57,481 94

PAYMENTS

County treasurer, county tax	$1,708 30
Oscar W. Billings, school treasurer	9,710 25
Cheshire National Bank	7,552 50
Vermont Peoples' National Bank	2,415 40
Sarah Northrop, cemetery trust fund	100 00
Sarah M. K. Hall, cemetery trust fund	100 00
Sarah M. K. Hall, fund for East Westmoreland cemetery association	100 00
Sarah M. K. Hall, fund for East Westmoreland church building	100 00
Paid all other selectmen's orders	31,189 21
	$52,975 66
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1948	$4,506 28

CHARLES H. ALDRICH,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property and poll tax, 1946	$2,130 34
Property tax, 1947	24,404 77
Poll tax, 1947	620 00
National bank tax	20 00
Tax sales redeemed	69 48
Received from state	1,913 34
Dog licenses	259 20
Rent of town property	40 00
Interest received	242 28
Registration of motor vehicles	1,290 04
Legacies	400 00
Temporary loans	7,500 00
Long term notes	12,600 00
Other licenses and permits	21 45
	$51,510 90

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town officers' salaries including issuing of auto permits	$978 75
Town officers' expenses	829 51
Election and registration	68 50
Expense of town hall	972 13
Police	5 36
Fire department	1,016 51
Bounties	84 00
Collecting dog taxes	15 00
Health department	28 89
Vital statistics	22 50
Street lighting	229 93
Monadnock Region Association	67 00
Miscellaneous	33 00
Libraries	130 00

Old age assistance	1,056 99
Cemeteries	120 40
Legal expenses	36 00
Taxes bought by town	21 42
Interest	658 48
Temporary loans	7,500 00
Payment on long term notes	2,000 00
County tax	1,708 30
Legacy	400 00
School district	9,710 25
TRA road	552 34
Town maintenance, Summer and Winter	7,327 57
General expense of highway	274 68
River road, this does not include TRA	15,119 26
East Westmoreland road	2,008 89
	$52,975 66

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$1,000 00	
Paid Lawrence A. Leach, making reports		$25 00
Paid Arthur S. Christian, making reports		25 00
Paid Glenn E. Britton		25 00
Paid Charles H. Aldrich, treasurer		120 00
Paid Oscar W. Billings, auditor		25 00
Paid Ruth E. Burt, collector, part of 1947 salary		100 00
Paid Ruth E. Burt, town clerk		50 00
Paid Arthur S. Christian, selectman		160 00
Paid Glenn E. Britton, selectman		160 00
Paid Lawrence A. Leach, selectman		160 00
		$850 00
Ruth E. Burt, issuing auto permits		$128 75

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$600 00	
Paid O. W. Billings, expenses of auditor		$10 00
Paid Ashuelot-Citizens National Bank, deposit box		4 80
Paid N. H. Association, dues		2 00

Paid Sentinel Printing Co., printing reports		241 60
Paid Brown & Saltmarch, dog license tags		1 22
Paid Register of Probate, notices		20
Paid Chase's Book Store, supplies		26 00
Paid Edson C. Eastman, supplies		12 97
Paid Mason Insurance Co., bonds		128 16
Paid W. M. Chaplin, real estate transfer cards		26 80
Paid Linwood Burt, expense		36
Paid New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone		13 12
Paid N. H. City & Town Clerk Association, dues		2 00
Paid Mason Insurance Co., workman insurance		287 23
Ruth E. Burt, tax collector, expense		30 90
Ruth E. Burt, clerk		9 74
Glenn E. Britton, supplies and expenses		19 41
Arthur Christian, copying invoice book		8 00
Charles H. Aldrich, postage and supplies		5 00
		$829 51

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Voted to raise and appropriate	$150 00	
Paid Sentinel Printing Co., printing ballots		$11 50
Paid Annie M. Shelley, supervisor		10 00
Paid Gladys Ploof, supervisor		10 00
Paid Merton C. Leach, supervisor		10 00
Paid Nan Christian, ballot clerk		3 00
Paid Charles H. Aldrich, ballot clerk		3 00
Paid Nellie F. Aldrich, ballot clerk		3 00
Paid Mary Hatt, ballot clerk		3 00
Paid Paul D. King, moderator		6 00
Paid Walter C. Taylor, constable		9 00
		$68 50

TOWN HALL

Voted to raise and appropriate	$1,300 00	
Received for hall rent	40 00	
Paid Edward N. White, repairs		$16 88
Paid Public Service Co., lights		29 56
Paid Mason Insurance Co., insurance		205 50

Paid Vaughn & Bennett, repairs on clock		14 00
Paid William Fancher, painting town hall		198 00
Paid William Fancher, painting fire escape		18 15
Paid C. L. Paine, 10 cords wood		180 00
Paid Knownton & Stone Co., paint		12 64
Paid Glenn E. Britton, paint		33 00
Paid Glenn E. Britton, supplies		7 90
Paid Linwood Burt, supplies		2 44
Paid Linwood Burt, janitor		237 05
Paid Oscar Ekberg, tuning pianos		17 00
		$972 13

POLICE

Voted to raise and appropriate	$25 00	
Linwood Burt, constable		$4 00
Paid Linwood Burt, expense		1 36
		$5 36

FIRE APPARATUS ACCOUNT

Voted to raise and appropriate	$500 00	
Voted to raise and appropriate for hose	400 00	
Paid V. Richard Chambers, nozzle and bulbs, light		$43 80
City of Keene, truck to L. A. Leach fire		10 00
City of Keene, truck to Garrapy fire		10 00
Mass. Bonding Co., insurance		137 50
Fyre Fighting Co., 500 ft. hose		475 00
H. O. Pierce, insurance on fire truck		41 46
Economy Coal Co., coal		68 34
Pippin Auto, repairing brakes		83 28
Bemis Motor, repairing brakes		35 29
G. E. Britton, gas and oil		1 40
Linwood Burt, fire chief		35 85
Linwood Burt, expense		50
L. A. Leach, forest fire warden, fire at East Westmoreland dump		40 25
Paid other men watching, etc., at East Westmoreland dump		33 84
		$1,016 51

Fire truck has answered to fourteen calls in 1947.

BOUNTIES

Due from state January 1, 1947		$68 00
Received from state		67 50
Received from selectmen		50
Paid selectmen, bounties, 1947	$84 00	
Due from state, January 1, 1948	84 00	

ACCOUNT OF DOG MONEY

Amount due School District January 1, 1947	$195 53
Paid School District	195 55
Received from dog licenses, 1947	$259 20
Paid Linwood Burt, collecting dog taxes	15 00
Amount due School District Jan. 1, 1948	$244 20

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Voted to raise and appropriate	$30 00	
Paid Ruth H. Burt, health officer, 1946		$7 29
Leon McClenning, collecting rubbish		21 60
		$28 89

VITAL STATISTICS

Voted to raise and appropriate	$20 00	
Paid Ruth E. Burt, recording births, marriages and deaths		$22 50

STREET LIGHTING

Voted to raise and appropriate	$240 00	
Paid Public Service Company of N. H.		$229 93

GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS

Voted to raise and appropriate	$50 00	
Paid Ernest Chase, spraying trees on common		$8 00
Paid Briggs Christmas committee, donation		25 00
		$33 00

MONADNOCK REGION ASSOCIATION

Voted to raise and appropriate	$67 00	
Paid Monadnock Region Association		$67 00

TOWN MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS

Voted to raise and appropriate	$2,716 00
Calcium chloride	516 00
Maintenance of calcium chloride road	1,000 00
For tar	2,135 00
Labor on tar roads	1,000 00
	$7,367 00
Paid C. W. Messer, village district maintenance labor and material	$1,563 42
Paid Leon McClenning, River district, maintenance, labor and material	1,613 93
Paid Peter Action, East Westmoreland district, maintenance, labor and material	127 69
Paid Edwin White, East Westmoreland district, maintenance, labor and material	609 23
Paid Walter Stone, East Westmoreland district, maintenance, labor and material	246 60

Amount paid labor, 70c per hour.
Amount paid trucks, $2.00 per hour.

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Voted to raise and appropriate		$2,500 00
Paid C. W. Messer, winter of 1946-47	$646 06	
Paid Peter Action, winter of 1946-47	801 46	
Paid Leon McClenning, winter of 1946-47	499 00	
Paid C. W. Messer, winter of 1947 labor and sanding	363 67	
Paid Leon McClenning, labor and sanding, winter of 1947	259 95	
Paid Walter Stone, winter of 1947, labor and sanding and material	384 18	
Paid Harold J. Stoddard, plowing and sanding in East Westmoreland district	11 40	
Paid Perkins Machine Co., for snow plowing for Stone	200 98	

Labor was paid for trucks, $2.50 per hour.
Labor was paid 80c per hour.

GENERAL ROAD ACCOUNT

Paid R. C. Hazelton, repairs	$2 00
Paid John Dodds, plank	33 60
Paid Perkins Machine, steel	6 55
Paid Knowlton & Stone, material	5 60
Paid G. E. Britton, shovels	9 68
Paid John Dodds, plank	63 00
Paid Sunshine Feed Store, salt	77 60
Paid R. C. Hazelton, blade	10 00
Paid M. S. Perkins, shoes for Sargent plow	66 65
	$274 68

TRA ACCOUNT

Voted to raise and appropriate	$552 34
State share	2,209 35
Balance of 1946	482 12
Total joint fund	$3,243 81
Expended by R. L. Blood, foreman on East Westmoreland road and road at East Westmoreland cemetery	$1,909 13
On River road	479 00
On Poocham road	855 13
	$3,243 26
Unexpended balance in state treasury	55
	$3,243 81

RIVER ROAD ACCOUNT

Expended on River road by R. L. Blood, foreman	$15,119 26
Robert L. Blood, foreman, was paid $12.00 for eight hours including bookkeeping, expense, telephoning, mileage, etc.	
Labor was paid $1.00 per hour.	
Tar	3,330 26
Trucks	4,292 95
Arthur Whitcomb	3,232 68
Gravel	800 00

Cement	17 90
Paint	9 70
Sand	29 50
Culverts	640 66
Labor	2,765 25

Trucks were paid the same as paid by state according to yardage of bodies.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY HAROLD E. EATON FOR ROADS

7.2 miles of S.T.G. sand and labor for oiling @ $175 per mile	$1,260 00
7.2 miles of S.T.G. @ ¼ gal. per square yard 16,900 gal. @ .18 per gal.	3,042 00
9.98 miles of S.T.G. maintenance @ $150.00	1,497 00
3.6 miles of calcium treated roads, 4 tons per mile, 14 tons @ $26.00	364 00
Maintenance of $26.70 mile other Class V roads @ $100.00 per mile	2,670 00
Emergency fund for highways to be used on order of selectmen	1,200 00
	$10,033 00

LIBRARIES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$130 00	
Paid Library Association trustees		$130 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Voted to raise and appropriate	$1,100 00
Paid N. H. Welfare association	1,056 99
Received from state on recovering of M. Spring	112 50
Received from state on refund of Delia Burdick	61 81

TOWN POOR

Voted to raise and appropriate	$100 00

No expenditures.

VETERANS AND VETERANS' FAMILIES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$50 00	
No expenditures.		

MEMORIAL DAY

Voted to raise and appropriate	$10 00	
No expenditures.		

CEMETERIES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$75 00	
Paid Sterling Kenyon, mowing meadow cemetery		$25 00
Paid M. C. Leach, Nonny Pratt cemetery		20 00
Paid E. Gorges, resetting monument in village cemetery		20 00
		$65 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for East Westmoreland cemetery	$125 00	
Paid Arthur Whitcomb		$55 40

LEGAL EXPENSES

Voted to raise and appropriate	$50 00	
Paid W. H. Watson, attorney		$36 00

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Total unredeemed tax January 1, 1947		$59 05
Received on redemption, 1945, tax, interest and cost	$7 38	
Received on redemption, 1944, tax, interest and cost	62 10	
	69 48	
Taxes bought by town in 1947		$21 42
Total in redeemed tax January 1, 1948		21 42

DRAPER TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Received from Hannah Draper trust fund interest	$190 58

Interest was to be used at the discretion of selectmen. A portion of this was given to several deserving families.

Balance in the hands of selectman, Arthur Christian to be expended for fuel for aged people.	
Receiced from Hannah Draper trust fund, interest for 1948	$172 38

PARKS

Amount due Barker park January 1, 1947	$6 85
Voted to raise and appropriate	5 00
Total due Barker park Jan. 1, 1948	$11 85

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Voted to raise and appropriate on temporary loans	$35 00
Voted to raise and appropriate on long term notes	500 00
Paid Cheshire National Bank, interest on short term notes of $7,500.00	52 50
Paid Vermont People's National Bank, interest on long term note of $25,600.00	415 40

LONG TERM NOTES

Voted in 1946 to borrow for East Westmoreland road	$12,000 00
Voted in 1942 to borrow for fire equipment	1,000 00
Voted in 1946 to borrow for River road, $14,000.00. It was decided to borrow only	12,600 00
	$25,600 00
Paid Vermont People's National Bank	2,000 00
Long term notes outstanding	$23,600 00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Borrowed from Cheshire National Bank	$6,500 00
Borrowed from Cheshire National Bank	1,000 00
	$7,500 00
Paid Cheshire National bank	$7,500 00

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Balance due School District Jan. 1, 1947 of 1946 appropriation	$3,314 69
Dog licenses due School District Jan. 1, 1947	195 55
	$3,510 24
Paid School District	$3,510 24
Raised for support of schools, 1947	$13,583 00
Salaries of district officers	223 50
Truant officers	10 00
Superintendent's excess salary	480 00
$2.00 per capita tax	276 00
High school tuition	4,000 00
Other obligations	170 00
Total school budget	$18,742 50
Estimated income from state	7,792 00
Amount to be raised by taxation	$10,950 50
Paid School District part of appropriation of 1947	6,200 00
Amount due School District of 1947 appropriation	$4,750 50
Dog licenses due School District Jan. 1, 1948	$244 20

LEGACIES

Received from Walter Dunbar legacy of	$100 00
Received from Sarah M. H. Hall	300 00
Total legacies	$400 00
Paid treasurer of trust funds	$400 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. CHRISTIAN,
Chairman.
GLENN E. BRITTON,
LAWRENCE A. LEACH,
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Lucy Thompson, library treasurer	$50 31
Cameron Paine, care Gline cemetery	10 00
Alice Chickering, Briggs Christmas fund	25 15
Charles Staples, care of Lord cemetery	10 00
Town of Westmoreland, Starkey gift fund interest	172 38
O. W. Billings, school treasurer	73 63
East Westmoreland Cemetery Ass'n., care of lots	48 17
Linwood Burt, care of Village cemetery lots	74 50
Charles Aldrich, care of North cemetery lots	21 00
Seldon Lund, care of Barrows lot	2 00
Lucy Thompson, library treasurer	50 25
	$537 39

CHARLES H. ALDRICH,
Treasurer of Trustees.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES H. ALDRICH
NELLIE F. C. ALDRICH

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., DECEMBER 31, 1947

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1816	Jotham Lord Fund, as town may vote	Walpole Savings Bank	$2,000.00	2%	$50.31	$40.20	$50.31	$40.20
1817	Eliphalet Fox fund for schools	" " "	1,000.00	2%		20.10	20.10	
1829	Town literary fund for schools	" " "	1,772.67	2%		35.62	35.62	
1890	Henry Estey fund for schools	" " "	891.67	2%		17.91	17.91	
1895	Charlotte West fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	300.00	2%	89.53	6.03	9.00	86.56
1904	Lucy E. Stratton fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	19.96	2.01	3.00	18.97
1907	Mary A. Graves fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	17.04	2.01	4.00	15.05
1908	Frank A. Ware fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	2%	33.35	2.01	3.00	32.39
1914	Frank T. Cole fund for outlying cemeteries	" " "	500.00	2%	67.01	10.05	10.00	67.06
1914	Julia Britton fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	2%	38.15	4.02	4.52	37.65
1914	Willard Gline fund for Poucham cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	132.00	2%	14.42	2.65	3.00	14.07
1916	Lucia Hunt fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	2%	26.32	2.01	3.00	25.33
1916	Emily Estey fund for cemetery lot	" " "	200.00	2%	19.25	4.02	4.52	18.75
1916	Louisa F. Shelley fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	50.00	2%	6.33	1.00	2.00	5.33
1917	Martha Wood Burt fund for library	" " "	500.00	2%		10.05	10.05	
1918	Oliver L. Briggs fund for library	" " "	2,000.00	2%		40.20	40.20	
1918	Oliver L. Briggs fund for Christmas	" " "	1,000.00	2%	25.15	20.10	25.15	20.10
1918	Oliver L. Briggs fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	2%	55.39	4.02	3.00	56.41
1919	Laura Kennedy fund for cemetery lot	" " "	50.00	2%	4.41	1.00	1.50	3.91
1920	J. E. Buffum fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	23.03	2.01	3.00	22.04
1920	Curtis S. G. Britton fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.62	2.01	2.26	1.37
1920	Manley P. Horton fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	24.78	2.01	3.01	23.79
1923	Earl Warren fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	24.84	2.01	3.00	23.85
1925	Sabrina Aldrich fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.24	2.01	2.26	.99
1925	Agnes B. Pierce fund for cemetery lot	" " "	50.00	2%	.82	1.00	1.50	.32
1925	Eli C. Wellington fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	16.67	2.01	3.00	15.68
1925	William J. Hall fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	2%	5.55	2.01	2.51	5.05
1928	Adelia M. Barrows fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	2%	21.62	2.01	2.00	21.63
1929	Adine C. Buffum fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	2%	6.16	2.01	3.00	5.17
1929	Martha A. Aldrich fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.38	2.01	2.51	.88
1929	Jasper Hall fund for cemetery lot	" " "	200.00	2%	49.39	4.02	6.00	47.41
1929	Charles Hager fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	2%	.42	2.01	2.26	.17

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., DECEMBER 31, 1947

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1930	Fannie E. Cole fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	2%	6.79	2.01	3.00	5.80
1932	Isa M. Capron fund for cemetery lot	" " "	50.00	2%	1.06	1.00	1.24	.82
1932	Carroll F. Capron fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.13	2.01	2.51	.63
1932	Mary Callahan fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	6.80	2.01	2.50	6.31
1932	Edgar F. Dean fund for cemetery lot	" " "	150.00	2%	3.43	3.01	3.76	2.68
1932	Richard F. Greene fund for cemetery lot	" " "	250.00	2%	21.03	5.02	8.00	18.05
1932	Edward Smith fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	9.25	2.01	3.00	8.26
1934	Nellie C. Holman fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	5.02	2.01	3.00	4.03
1934	Cornelia C. Leach fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.88	2.01	2.51	1.38
1934	Charles L. Craig fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	.88	2.01	2.51	.38
1935	William S. Starkey gift fund for needy	" " "	3,601.66	2%		72.38	72.38	
1935	William S. Starkey gift fund for needy	U. S. Govt. Bonds	4,000.00	2½%		100.00	100.00	
1935	Ralph E. Proctor fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	200.00	2%	20.55	4.02	5.00	19.57
1935	Mary E. Sargent fund for cemetery lot	" " "	136.18	2%	10.32	2.73	3.00	10.05
1937	Charles H. Park fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	2.34	2.01	2.51	1.84
1937	John R. & Perry W. Burt fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	3.10	2.01	3.00	2.11
1937	Ella E. Abbott fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	2%	28.02	4.02	3.00	29.04
1938	Frank E. Aldrich fund for cemetery lot	" " "	200.00	2%	18.72	4.02	6.00	16.74
1939	Forrest W. Hall fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	.38	2.01	2.26	.13
1939	Frank P. Hall fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	.62	1.00	1.50	.12
1940	Flora J. Burt fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	2.97	2.01	3.00	1.98
1941	Gaius K. Hall fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	.71	2.01	2.26	.46
1942	William A. Graves fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	100.00	2%	1.78	2.01	2.51	1.28
1943	William H. Parker fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	1.04	2.01	3.00	.05
1943	Edward C. Greene fund for cemetery lot	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	2%	6.41	4.02	3.00	7.43
1944	Emma J. Atherton fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	4.64	2.01		6.65
1944	Jessie M. B. Joslin fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	.56	2.01	2.00	.57
1945	Zenas E. Britton fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	150.00	2%	5.01	3.01	3.00	5.02
1945	Vinie Cobleigh Simmons fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%	3.34	2.01	3.00	2.35
1946	Victor M. Hall fund for Union Chuch	Keene Savings Bank	500.00	2%	7.10	10.05		17.15
1946	Lephe E. Pierce fund for cemetery lot	Walpole Savings Bank	50.00	2%		1.00	1.00	
1947	Walter Dunbar fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%		1.67	1.50	.17
1947	Sarah M. K. Hall fund for cemetery lot	" " "	100.00	2%		1.67		1.67
1947	Sarah M. K. Hall fund for Union Church	Keene Savings Bank	100.00					
	Grand totals		$24,434.18		$819.44	$506.94	$543.39	$782.99

REPORT OF BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE—1947

Balance on hand	$ 65	
Receipts:		
Interest on fund	25 15	
Board of selectmen	25 00	
Gifts from friends	7 50	
		$58 30
Expenses:		
Candy, oranges, nuts	$20 65	
99 gifts for children and wrappings	25 35	
Candy boxes	4 80	
Movies	7 50	
		$58 30

Total number on list, 155.

Audited and approved, Jan. 22, 1947.

HELEN TERRY,
ALICE CHICKERING,
Committee.

REPORT OF WESTMORELAND LIBRARY TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1947		$1 18
Income from Martha Wood Burt fund		12 57
Income from Briggs fund		50 31
Income from Jotham Lord fund		50 31
Town appropriation		130 00
Credit Tilden		55
Grange donation		15 00
Westmoreland Men's club		20 00
Sale of discarded books		3 50
		$283 42

EXPENSES

Salary of librarian		$79 50
Salary of janitor		26 50
Public Service Co., lights		12 00
Cheshire Oil Co., 138 gals. oil		17 74
Palmer Insurance Agency		22 48
Repairs, Edward White, roof and book stacks		17 45
Sears Roebuck Co., on stove		15 93
Cleaning supplies, L. Thompson		2 50
Books		60 02
Tilden's, Keene	$31 84	
Baker's Brattleboro	25 18	
D. Rhodes	3 00	
		$254 12
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948		29 30
		$283 42

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY L. THOMPSON,

Treasurer.

Jan. 15, 1948.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Balance from last year	$ 45	
Dues collected since January 4, 1947	2 90	
		$3 35

EXPENDITURES

N. H. L. A., dues and postage	$1 09	
World Topics and postage	1 05	
2 national order books	50	
Postage	25	
		2 89
Balance		$ 46

Number of patrons	239
Number of books issued	4,577
Number of books discarded	220
Number of books in library	5,454

BOOKS PRESENTED

State books	4
Mrs. W. M. Corse	35
Mrs. Bramwell Shaw	6
Miss Janet Fredette	1
Mrs. F. A. Ballhaussen	5
Mrs. Robert Moore	2
Mrs. Everett Warner	1
Mrs. George Wildey	1

DOROTHY RHODES,
Librarian.

AUDITOR S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts for the current year of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Briggs Christmas Fund Report, Tax Collector, Library Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds and Road Agents and find them correct and properly vouched.

OSCAR W. BILLINGS,
WALTER E. DUNN,
Auditors.

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Hugh Shelly, Chairman — Robert Perry

George M. Wildey

MODERATOR

John H. Terry

CLERK AND TREASURER

Oscar W. Billings

AUDITOR

Roscoe Perry

SUPERINTENDENT

Theron B. Thompson, Walpole

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 9th day of March, 1948 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or other officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, N. H., this 7th day of February, 1948.

ANNIE SHELLEY,
ROBERT PERRY,
GEORGE M. WILDEY,
School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

ANNIE SHELLEY,
ROBERT PERRY,
GEORGE M. WILDEY,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WESTMORELAND FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1946-47

RECEIPTS

State aid	$5,018 89
National School Lunch (food and non-food)	402 65
Income from local taxation	10,214 69
Special appropriations	100 00
Dog licenses	195 55
Income from local trust funds	92 13
Other receipts from school lunch program	2 31
Other receipts	10 80
Total receipts	$16,037 02
Cash on hand July 1, 1946	383 01
Grand total	$16,420 03

PAYMENTS

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	$220 00	
Superintendent's salary	384 00	
Tax for state wide supervision	240 00	
Census	10 00	
Supplies and expenses	105 80	
Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries	5,600 15	
Text books	113 52	
Scholars' supplies	163 40	
Supplies and other expenses	62 29	
Operation of school plant:		
Janitors' salaries	519 45	
Fuel	16 00	

Water, light and janitor supplies	273 67	
Repairs and replacements	410 23	
Auxiliary activities:		
Health supervision	360 00	
Transportation	3,236 25	
Tuition—high school	3,064 32	
School lunches—food	464 93	
Other activities	25 38	
Fixed charges:		
Insurance	98 62	
State retirement and other	44 22	
Construction and equipment:		
New equipment	100 00	
Total payments		$15,512 23
Total cash on hand June 30, 1947		907 80
Grand total		$16,420 03

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1946-47

Salaries of district officers:	
Oscar Billings	$55 00
Marjorie Hudson	50 00
Annie Shelley	50 00
George Wildey	60 00
Roscoe Perry	5 00
Teachers' salaries:	
Dorothy Dunn, $1,450 less $250 tax	$1,200 00
Carrie Paine, $1,250 less $58 tax	1,192 00
Francis Murphy, $1,400 less $84 tax	1,316 00
Gladys Hurlbutt, $1,350 less $150 tax	1,200 00
Dorothy Dunn, tutoring	100 00
Janitor service:	
Orrin Harvey	$193 00
Bert Merrill	223 00

Sterling Kenyon	50 00
Hugh Shelley Jr.	2 75
Richard Miner	42 50
Vera McClenning	8 00
Minor repairs and expenses:	
Brown Fence and Wire Co.	11 00
Mrs. E. E. French	31 41
Walter Shelley	5 20
Annie Shelley	3 68
Hugh Shelley Jr.	13 25
A. W. Ross	150 00
Knowlton & Stone	1 00
Wright Bros.	97
Keene Chimney Cleaners	24 00
Ed. Greene	64 83
Keene Grain Co.	4 60
Orrin Harvey	15 00
G. S. Wildey	6 70
Oscar Ekburg	21 75
Bert Merrill	5 75
Vincent Bleecker	3 00
E. White	11 79
R. L. Galloway	30 00
Noyes & Whitehill	6 30
Transportation:	
Vera McClenning	350 00
John Terry	2,886 25
High school tuition:	
Brattleboro high school	170 00
Walpole high school	646 48
Keene high school	2,247 84

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-49

	Current Budget 1947-48	Proposed Budget 1948-49
Support of schools:		
Teachers' salaries	$7,200 00	$8,000 00
Text books	120 00	120 00
Scholars supplies	150 00	200 00
Flags and other expenses	55 00	80 00
Janitor service	518 00	570 00
Fuel	550 00	550 00
Water, light, etc.	225 00	250 00
Minor repairs	850 00	650 00
Health supervision	390 00	390 00
Transportation	3,450 00	3,600 00
Other special activities	75 00	75 00
	$13,583 00	$14,485 00
Other statutory requirements:		
Salaries of district officers	$233 50	$233 50
Superintendent's salary	480 00	480 00
Per capita tax	276 00	292 00
High school tuition	4,000 00	4,240 00
Other obligations	170 00	400 00
	$5,159 50	$5,645 50
Total amount of budget	$18,742 50	$20,130 50
Estimated income of district:		
Balance June 30th		$500 00
State aid	$7,500 00	7,738 50
Dog tax	200 00	200 00
Other income	92 00	92 00
	$7,792 00	$8,530 50
To be raised by taxes	$10,950 50	$11,600 00

The major item of increase on the budget this year is in the matter of teachers' salaries. The superintendent has explained this somewhat in his report found further on in this section.

Scholar supplies have increased in cost an average of 30 per cent over last year. The increase in janitor service proposed is not an actual increase but is only to bring the budget up to actual expenditures this year. We expect to have to replace one or more of the chemical toilets this year if replacements become available. We have had to make some major changes in the plumbing at the South Village school after finding that the initial installation was not made in the proper manner. The increase in transportation reflects more fully the actual costs this year which have risen due to our having to establish one or two individual routes to transport children of families who have moved on to roads not covered by the regular routes.

We anticipate about the same amount of state aid that we received this year. As the superintendent explained in his report, state aid is based now on the actual number of pupils enrolled who are residents of the town. The amount that any town gets is based on a basic program and the town's ability to pay toward that basic program.

High school tuition costs have risen greatly. Tuition in Keene High School next year will be $120 per pupil and in Walpole High School $100 per pupil.

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1946		$383 01
Received from selectmen:		
Appropriations for current year	$10,314 69	
Dog tax	195 55	
Income from trust funds	92 13	
Received from state treasurer, state aid	5,018 89	
Hot lunches	402 65	
Received from all other sources	13 11	
		$16,037 02
Total amount available for fiscal year		$16,420 03
Less school board orders paid		15,512 23
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947		$907 80

OSCAR W. BILLINGS,
District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

ROSCOE PERRY,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Westmoreland:

I herewith submit my third annual report as superintendent of schools:

A number of very important changes have taken place during the past year which should do much to improve the educational opportunities of our New Hampshire children. The legislature passed several major acts which are destined to change the course of education in the state. The cooperative school district act makes is possible for local school districts, through local initiative, to join together to establish more effective school units. At the present time there are ten or twelve areas throughout the state studying the advantages of forming as many cooperative school districts. Most of the community areas are in urgent need of new buildings. Communities within easy commuting distances may construct one building that will take care of the needs of all the districts. The result will be a school large enough to offer more for boys and girls who attend it. It will be large enough to assure adequate training in all the fundamentals and at the same time provide opportunity for specialized work in art, music, practical arts, and recreation. It will be large enough to attract and hold well-trained teachers and personnel.

Another act granted school districts temporary emergency exemptions from certain provisions of the Municipal Bond Statute. The previous law limited school districts to bonded indebtedness not exceeding two per cent of assessed valuation of taxable property of the district. The new act allows five per cent in any instance and up to eight per cent if a strong case can be made to a board of investigation and the governor and council. The original bonding act was passed many years ago when construction costs were relatively low and when $5,000 would buy considerable school housing. Two per cent of an

assessed valuation of a quarter of a million dollars would amount to only $5,000, which would not go far toward building a school house today. Under the old law there were only a few larger cities that would have been able to build any kind of a schoolhouse at present prices, due to the two per cent limitation. The new act with its special provision will make it possible for practically any community in the state to raise enough money to build a schoolhouse even under today's high prices.

The act which means the most to us directly is the so-called equalization act which is an act to equalize educational opportunities and to improve the public elementary and high schools of New Hampshire. This act, which increases state financial aid to local school districts approximately 400 per cent, is really an amendment to the old state aid act which was based entirely on the needs of the various school districts.

The new plan is based on the town's ability to pay and sets up a required minimum program which all towns must equal before being eligible for state aid. Another feature of this revised act is that of general aid to all districts based on a set amount for every elementary and secondary pupil in average daily membership during the preceding year. This new state aid bill has enabled us to offer more to your children without asking for a greatly increased amount of taxation.

Last June the State Board of Education set up a minimum salary schedule. The increased amount of state aid enabled us to bring our salary into line with the regulation without asking for more money.

School costs, in line with everything else, continue to rise. We have tried to keep our demands to a reasonable limit but certain items will have to be increased in spite of careful planning.

Your teachers are receiving about the same salary that teachers in other towns of this size throughout the state are receiving. If we are to continue having the same high grade of teachers that we have had, we must expect to make increases in the salaries comparable to those being planned in other communities.

During the summer we were able to paint the exterior of the three schoolhouses, and also to do considerable interior painting, as was voted at the special meeting last July. The schoolhouses are now in very good condition with only a few minor repairs being required. The roof of the East Village school may need some more attention and the chemical toilets in all the buildings will have to be checked rather carefully this year. These are now reaching the limit of their usefulness having been purchased quite a number of years ago. The average life of a chemical toilet is from twelve to fifteen years.

A much needed set of New World maps has been provided for Mrs. Dunn's room. The PTA of the South Village school provided window drapes for the classroom and is again sponsoring the hot lunch program which is unusually successful this year. Parents of pupils very generously donated dishes so we have an ample supply for serving food this year. The East Westmoreland 4-H club donated some preserves which they canned last summer. The increased cooperation between the children of the various sections of town now attending the South Village school is very gratifying. The South Village PTA also donated candy and nuts for the children's Christmas.

The desks in all the rooms have been re-finished this year and are much easier to write on than they have been the last few years. The children seem to respect property more when it is kept in good condition than when it is allowed to deteriorate.

ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 5, 1948

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
South Village	12	6	5	7	5	5	11	8	59
Corner	1	1	3	2	3	1	2	3	16
East	3	7	6	4	3	5			28
Totals	16	14	14	13	11	11	13	11	103

The Corner school PTA has provided a supply of dishes and utensils which have proved most necessary and useful in their hot lunch program.

HEALTH

Health inspection showed the following defects:

83 pupils were inspected.
4 pupils weight was substandard.
3 pupils showed defective vision—uncorrected.
56 pupils were in need of dental care.
11 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations by a physician.
73 pupils were given hearing tests—no hearing defects were found.

A dental clinic was held May 29, 1947. Work was done as follows:

Number of pupils treated	14
Number of pupils having teeth cleaned	10
Number having porcelain fillings	6
Number having silver fillings	12
Number having temporary teeth extracted	6
Number having permanent teeth extracted	3

11 pupils had dental care by their own dentists.
2 pupils had tonsil and adenoid operations.
2 pupils were fitted to glasses.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1946-47

Total registration	109
Average membership	93.79
Percentage of attendance	94.34
Cases of tardiness	56
Visits by superintendent	65
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	1
Visits by citizens and others	79
Half-days schools were in session	349

Thirty-six pupils attended high school as follows:

Walpole High School	8
Keene High School	26
Brattleboro High School	2

I wish to thank the members of the School Board, teachers, parents, and pupils for their cooperation during the school year.

Respectfully submitted,
THERON B. THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Births Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.
1947									
Mar. 23	Lawrence Ed'd, Jr.	M	L	1	Lau'ce E. Thompson	Shirley B. Wilcox	Fireman	Keene	Walpole
Apr. 6	Susan Linda	F	L	2	Richard W. Delano	Ina Koski	Carpenter	Keene	Troy
" 21	Charles Robert	M	L	2	Lester E. Minkler	Ida M. Forbes	Sawmill wkr.	Rochester, Vt.	Westmoreland
" 23	Nancy Lulu	F	L	2	Ralph L. French	Doris M. Minkler	Lumberman	Rockingham, Vt.	Rochester, Vt.
" 26	Marjorie Ann	F	L	7	Herman H. Hastings	Eleanor M. Wilder	Laborer	Grantham	Keene
May 19	John Fausto	M	L	2	Fausto M. Lage	Mildred Fry	Accountant	Portugal	Newfoundland
" 21	Herbert James	M	L	4	Edward H. Bosworth	Marjorie E. Norlund	Farmer	Westmoreland	Attleboro, Mass.
June 13	Robert George	M	L	7	Lester W. Robbins	Sarah E. Hawkes	Tree surgeon	Malden, Mass.	Yarmouth, Me.
July 3	Judith Anne	F	L	2	Fletcher B. Fredette	Loretta J. Laquerre	Logging	Westmoreland	Gilsum
" 10	Sally Elaine	F	L	2	Geo. E. Kingsbury, Jr.	Rachel N. Crane	Truck driver	Keene	Middlebury, Vt.
" 22	Bonny Lee	F	L	3	Wm. H. O'Brien	Fay MacCormack	Salesman	Boston, Mass.	East Milton, Mass.
" 31	Alta Mae	F	L	5	Walter O. West	Rachel B. Ricker	Herdsman	Meriden	Taftville, Vt.
Aug. 13	Martha Adeline	F	L	2	John Kirk Aldrich	Frances G. Goddard	Farmer	Westmoreland	Quincy, Mass.
" 18	Thomas Joseph	M	L	1	Edward H. Bittner	Ann E. Hickey	Poultry farm	Flint, Mich.	Harrisville, N. Y.
" 19	Roger Lionel	M	L	2	Lionel G. Perham	Eleanor M. Pike	Carpenter	Westmoreland	Woodsville
Sept. 22	Karen Evette	F	L	1	Howard D. Midgley	Arlene N. Kenyon	Staff sergeant	Tulsa, Okla.	Westmoreland
Nov. 9	Judith Ann	F	L	4	Charles L. Perham	Marion M. Power	Carpenter	Westmoreland	Newfoundland
Dec. 4	Donald Joseph	M	L	4	Delma F. Boardman	Dorothy E. Filiault	Farmer	Lebanon	Claremont

Marriages Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition. *	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
1946 Oct. 1	Harrisville, N. Y.	Edward H. Bittner	Westmoreland	30	Poultry farm	Brighton, Mich	Edward J. Bittner Parmelia V. Bora	Marquette, Mich. Holyoke, Ms.	1st	Rv L LaRose
		Ann Elizabeth Hickey	Harrisville, N. Y.	25	Beauty opr.	Harrisville	Thos. J. Hickey Anna E. Ryan	Harrisville, N Y Carthage, N Y	1st	Harrisville, N. Y.
1947 Jan. 18	Keene	Donald E. Jenkins	Westmoreland	29	Dentist	Keene	Clarence Jenkins Emma A. Robb	East Sullivan Marlow	1st	Rv C B Chapman
		Barbara A. Barrett	Keene	20	Secretary	Keene	Philip A. Barrett Mildred Sterling	Keene Keene	1st	Keene
Feb. 1	Keene	Antti E. Pulkinen	Westmoreland	25	Woodsman	Harrison, Me.	Emil Pulkinen Annie Kylonen	Finland Finland	1st	D J Williams, J P
		June C. Kingsbury	Westmoreland	17	At home	Keene	Edward Kingsbury Ellen A. Lauzon	Warwick, Ms. Nashua	1st	Keene
Mar. 15	Keene	Geo. W. Buswell	Westport	20	Truck driver	Brattleboro	Bernard Buswell Eva Wilber	Littleton Keene	1st	Rv J DJohnston
		Elizabeth Provencher	Westmoreland	17	At home	Westmoreland	Donald Provencher Doris Fredette	Hanover Dummerston, Vt.	1st	Keene
May 3	Westmoreland	Edward A. Tuthill	Westmoreland	35	Truck driver	Stowe, Vt.	Arthur M. Tuthill Mettie I. Clark	Burlington, Vt. Duane, N. Y.	2d	Rv I S Nowlan
		Olive S. Hadley	Westmoreland	26	Housewife	Milford	Byron E. Gerry Mary V. Lawrence	Stoddard Lawrence, Ms.	2d	Westmoreland
June 15	Westmoreland	Ellis S. Barrett	Keene	28	Aircraft mech.	Keene	Henry F. Barrett Pearl Wyman	Keene Keene	1st	Rv M B Strickland
		Ruth Joye Churchill	Westmoreland	22	Physical therapy	Brattleboro, Vt.	Lawry Churchill Ruth Kendall	S. Londond'y, Vt. Pittsford, Vt.	1st	Manchester
June 24	Keene	John Kirk Aldrich	Westmoreland	31	Farmer	Westmoreland	Howard Aldrich Mary J. Kirk	Westmoreland Providence, R. I.	1st	D J Williams, J P
		Frances G. Murphy	Westmoreland	27	Teacher	Quincy, Ms.	Stanley Goddard Edith Worcester	Stewartown Pittsburg	2d	Keene
June 26	Webster	Rufus Emerson	Westmoreland	62	Farmer	Salisbury	Calno Emerson Emmogene Merrill	Salisbury Andover	4th	Rv J W Dame
		Laura L. Berry	Westmoreland	65	Nurse	Limington, Me.	Francis Sawyer Lucy Roberts	Limerick, Me. Yarmouth, N. S.	2d	Webster

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
July 4	Westmoreland	Arthur C. Messer	Westmoreland	30	Bus driver	Keene	Chas. W. Messer Maude E. Greene	Ludlow, Vt. Westmoreland	2d	Rv I S Nowlan
		Gladys V. Nye	Marlboro	23	Hair dresser	Marlboro	Lawrence Nye Annie Morse	Harrisville Marlboro	1st	Westmoreland
July 4	Westmoreland	Earl W. Osborne	Westmoreland	48	Farmer	Alstead	Leon M. Osborne Mattie Wilder	E. Westmoreland E. Wallingf'd, Vt.	1st	Rv I S Nowlan
		Ruth Rosalind Bisbee	Westmoreland	42	Bookkeeper	Providence, R. I.	Kenneth Bisbee Ruth A. White	Shanghai, China Ashaway, R. I.	1st	Westmoreland
July 26	Keene	George E. Kingsbury	Westmoreland	23	Truck driver	Gilsum	Edward Kingsbury Ellen Lauzon	Warwick, Ms. Nashua	1st	Rv W C Sipe
		Avis M. Adams	Keene	19	Presser	Keene	Ernest Adams Bessie Shattuck	Quechee, Vt. Hartland, Vt.	1st	Keene
Sept. 6	Keene	Roy A. Paine	Westmoreland	20	Farmer	Westmoreland	Cameron Paine Carrie Burr	Westmoreland Plainfield	1st	
		Shirley M. Thrasher	Swanzey	19	Typist	Pequabuck, Ct.	Chester Thrasher Evelyn Durant	Prescott, Mass. Surry	1st	

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
1947											
Jan. 11	Zenas E. Britton	80	3	17	Westmoreland	M	S	Westmoreland	Townshend, Vt.		
Mar. 30	Michael Russell	68	2	29	Russia	M	W	Russia	Russia	Leaven Russell	Mary
Apr. 27	- - - Hastings	0	0	1	Keene	F	S	Grantham	Surry	Herman Hastings	Eleanor Wilder
May 7	Jack W. Cantliffe	16			Patterson, N. J.	M	S	Summit, N. J.	Philadelphia	Laurence Cantliffe	Martha James
" 18	Carrie A. Bennett	75	6	18	Westmoreland	F	S	Westmoreland	So. Hadley, Ms.	George J. Bennett	Edda Graves
" 22	Florence Reed	57	9	15	Irasburg, Vt.	F	M			—— Labounty	
Sept. 29	Elmer H. Sheldon	60	4	2	Loyalton, S. D.	M	D	Wheelock, Vt.	Wheelock, Vt.	John Sheldon	Cora Brown
Oct. 4	Leonard A. Dufour	0	2	0	Lancaster, Mass.	M	S	Leominster, Ms.	Winchendon, Ms.	Raymond Dufour	Ida Morrill
" 6	Chas. A. Burdick	77	0	10	Unionville, Ct.	M	W	Cromwell, Ct.	Cromwell, Conn.	Manley F. Burdick	Charlotte Baisden
" 17	Sardine B. Putnam	85	0	3	Rockingham, Vt.	M	W	Rockingham, Vt.		Benjamin Putnam	
Nov. 20	Blanche S. Bradford	66	0	5	Boston, Mass.	F	M	Boston, Mass.		Frank Stevenson	
Dec. 26	Frank E. Dragoon	68	1	20	Hinsdale	M	D	Canada	Westmoreland	Charles Dragoon	Luella Howe
**											
Feb. 19	Verna E. Kelley	40	4	20	Westmoreland	F	M	Westmoreland	Westmoreland	George Dutton	Lilla Sullivan
Aug. 4	Guy Chickering	87			N. H.	M	S				
Oct. 17	Mary M. Hutchins	72	7	2		F	M				

*Single, married or widowed. **Brought to town for burial.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947
Cheshire County Hospital

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
1947											
Jan. 1	Albert L. Plummer	45	2	6	West Swanzey	M	M	Swanzey	Swanzey	Albert J. Plummer	Hattie Sawyer
" 13	Mary O. Child	93	8	3	Peru, Me.	F	W		Maine	Columbus Wing	Sarah Lord
" 25	Peter LaClair	68	1	23	East Rindge	M	M				
Feb. 7	Joseph Champney	88	5		Vermont	M	W	Vermont	Vermont	Theodore Champney	Emily
" 12	Susan W. Doyle	74	10	25	Northfield, Vt.	F	W	Vermont	Vermont	Henry Woodbury	—— Hale
Mar. 5	John Cloutier	52	10	9	Canada	M	M	Canada	Canada	Alfred Cloutier	Alice St. Peter
Mar. 14	William Butler	76	4	13	Chesterfield	M	W	Hinsdale	Chesterfield	Hosea M. Butler	Isabel Royse
" 22	Seth W. Hussey	87	5	7	Salem, Me.	M	W			Leonard H. Hussey	Sarah L.
" 22	Olin M. Snow	70	2	26	Marlboro, Vt.	M	D	Marlboro, Vt.	Marlboro, Vt.	Clarence Snow	Ada Brown
Apr. 13	Calixte Bergeron	91	0	11	Keene	M	W	Canada	Canada	Eli Bergeron	Mary Clements
" 19	Marg't C. O'Connell	55	6	5	Hinsdale	F	S	Hinsdale	Hinsdale	William O'Connell	Katherine Grany
May 18	Fred Desmond	86	10	12	Winchendon, Ms.	M	D	Ireland	Barton, Vt.	James Desmond	Lucinda Belknap
" 23	Jerry Graney	79	8	16	West Swanzey	M	S	Ireland	Ireland	Jerry Graney	Kate Connor
June 15	Frank K. Ford	84	3	23	Weymouth, Ms.	M		Boston, Mass.	Weymouth, Mass.	Thomas Ford	Margaret Wiley
" 24	Annie Worth	67	7	8	Ireland	F	W	Ireland	Ireland	Myles King	Annie
" 26	Myra C. Curtis	51	3	15	Hillsboro	F	M	Newport	Claremont	Stephen J. Whitney	Alfreda Chambers
" 29	Elmer A. Watkins	77	11	1	Walpole	M	M	Walpole	Westminster, Vt.	Charles Watkins	Frances Church
July 29	Lizzie E. Buckminster	81	10	14	Roxbury	F	W	Roxbury	Keene	Calvin Davis	Ellen Kingsbury
Aug. 25	Wm. J. Doucette	66	8	4	Marlboro	M	S	Canada	Canada	John Doucette	
Sept. 8	Richard Brickley	78	4	20	Ireland	M	S	Ireland	Ireland	Thomas Brickley	Margaret Hankard
" 21	Judson Keyser	64	8	20	Chester, N. S.	M	W	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	James Keyser	Helen
" 25	James Murray	91	3	17	Ireland	M	S	Ireland	Ireland	James Murray	Mary McCormick
Oct. 14	Frank Hyrk	72	6	4	Finland	M	M	Finland		William Hyrk	
" 17	James L. Hammond	61	5	5	Winchester	M	S	Nelson	Randolph, Vt.	Russell Hammond	Estina Reed
" 24	Henry Snellman	69	0	2	Finland	M	S	Finland	Finland	Victor Snellman	Maria Wainen
" 27	Harry J. Sprague	65	2	6	Stafford Sp'gs, Ct.	M	D				
Nov. 1	Effie C. Aikey	85	4	23	Shelburne, Vt.	F	W	Shelburne, Vt.	Shelburne, Vt.	Edward B. Lane	Elizabeth Chandler
" 4	Lillian L. Rich	76	0	28	W. Constable, N. Y.	F	S	Morah, N. Y.	Morah, N. Y.	Edson Rich	Helen Paine
" 24	Catherine Guadagno	65	3	7	Italy	F	W	Italy	Italy	Felix Leonardo	Mary J. DiNinno

*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RUTH E. BURT, Town Clerk.

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagration we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient to properly equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

F. J. BAKER,
District Chief.